

Meeting Minutes

Regional Parks Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:30 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), B. Isitt (Vice Chair), J. Loveday (for M. Alto), C. Plant (9:43), L. Seaton, R. Kasper (for M. Tait), K. Williams, S. Price (Board Chair, ex-officio)
Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; M. Walton, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. MacIntyre, Regional Parks Manager of Operations; K. St. Claire, Manager, Visitor Services and Community Development, Regional Parks; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer; P. Perna, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

REGRETS: Director Brownoff

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the agenda for the February 21, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be approved as amended to remove Delegation Items 4.1. Janet Simpson, 4.3. Carol Maier, and 4.6. Sheila Protti.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

- 2.1. [18-103](#) Minutes of the January 17, 2018 Regional Parks Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Williams, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Kasper,
That the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair remarked in recognition of Dr. Mike Walton, who is retiring, and advised that this will be Dr. Walton's last Regional Parks Committee meeting.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.2. [18-110](#) Delegation: Louis Horvat, Zebra Design and Interiors Group Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Louis Horvat, Zebra Design and Interiors Group, spoke to the proposed Zoning Variance regarding the revised setbacks, and the floorplans of the property. He provided further design materials to the Committee, which are on file in the Legislative and Corporate Services Department.

- 4.4. [18-113](#) Delegation: Matt Johnson, Corvidae Environmental Consulting Inc. Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Matt Johnson spoke to the Garry Oak Trees on the property advising which trees will be removed and which will be retained.

- 4.5. [18-114](#) Delegation: Virginia Errick Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Virginia Errick spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the negative impacts on the Gonzales Hill Regional Park.

- 4.7. [18-116](#) Delegation: Scott Chapman Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Scott Chapman spoke against the proposed zoning variance and provided his rationale.

- 4.8. [18-117](#) Delegation: Mary Doody Jones Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Director Plant arrived at 9:43 am.

Mary Doody Jones spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the science and effect on the trees if the variance is allowed.

- 4.9. [18-118](#) Delegation: Cheryl Shoji Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Cheryl Shoji spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the make up, species at risk, and history of Gonzales Hill.

- 4.10. [18-119](#) Delegation: Philippe Dore Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Philippe Dore spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the benefits of the park to the neighbourhood, which would be impacted by the proposed development.

- 4.11. [18-120](#) Delegation: Brad Atchison Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park
- Brad Atchison spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the risk to the ecosystem of the park. He advised of the importance of the Garry Oak ecosystem and its benefits to the environment and human life.
- 4.12. [18-121](#) Delegation: Liane O'Grady Re: Agenda Item 5.6 and 5.7 - Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park
- Liane O'Grady spoke against the proposed zoning variance and to the impacts to the park and view that the park provides.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [18-066](#) Bylaw No. 4227 - Capital Regional District Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2018
- L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Bylaw No. 4227, Capital Regional District Parks Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 2018, be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

- 5.2. [18-068](#) Repealing and Replacing of Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3682 and Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 1857, Schedule 18

MOVED by Alternate Director Kasper, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1) a. That Bylaw No. 4225, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018", be introduced and read a first and second time;
b. That Bylaw No. 4225, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018", be read a third time;
c. That Bylaw No. 4225, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018", be adopted.

2) a. That Bylaw No. 4226, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 63, 2018", be introduced and read a first and second time;
b. That Bylaw No. 4226, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 63, 2018", be read a third time;
c. That Bylaw No. 4226, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 63, 2018", be adopted.
CARRIED

5.3. [18-069](#) Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan

M. Walton provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Isitt,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan be approved.
CARRIED**

5.4. [18-070](#) Matthews Point Regional Park Management Plan - Initial Public Participation Report

L. Hutcheson provided an overview of the report.

**MOVED by Alternate Director Kasper, SECONDED by Alternate Director Loveday,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information.
CARRIED**

5.5. [18-086](#) 2017 Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey

M. Walton spoke to a presentation on the Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey and advised of the purpose of the survey.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- upcoming studies on adjusting the direction of funding
- rates of growth projection
- continuation of the acquisition fund and the purpose of those acquisitions

**MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Loveday,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey staff report be received for information.
CARRIED**

5.6. [18-072](#) Motion with Notice - Development Application Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

Director Isitt spoke to a slide presentation regarding the distribution of regional park land and the Gonzales Hill Regional Park and he spoke to the impacts on the park and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Discussion ensued on variance procedures.

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Alternate Director Loveday,
1. That the Regional Parks Committee recommend that the Board provide the following comments to the City of Victoria Board of Variance in relation to the property at 1980 Fairfield Place, adjacent Gonzales Hill Regional Park, to supplement comments provided by CRD staff:
a. Gonzales Hill Regional Park is the only regional park located within the boundaries of the City of Victoria and District of Oak Bay, comprised of 2 hectares**

of land serving a population of 103,000 people (27% of the regional population, with 0.015% of the land base of regional parks located within these municipal borders).

b. The requested variance to increase the total floor area of each floor in the building will substantially affect the use and enjoyment of the general public accessing Gonzales Hill Regional Park, due to the proximity of the subject parcel to the park boundary, the prominent location of the building site adjacent to the park boundary, and the small size of the park, by permitting a larger building with a larger upper floor, and therefore greater massing adversely affecting the public's use and enjoyment of the regional park.

c. The requested variance to the total floor area of the building will adversely affect the natural environment in the immediate vicinity of Gonzales Hill Regional Park, authorizing a building with a larger footprint than is permitted under the existing zoning, and which will have a correspondingly greater encroachment on the biological diversity of this natural area.

d. As per section 542(1)(c) of the Local Government Act, the Board of Variance may only grant a minor variance if is of the opinion that the variance does not:
(ii) adversely affect the natural environment;
(iii) substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent land.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Board Chair Price, Directors Screech, Seaton, and Alternate Director Kasper

5.7. [18-097](#)

Proposed Zoning Variance for Residential Development Adjacent to Gonzales Hill Regional Park

MOVED by Alternate Director Kasper, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the Regional Parks Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. New Business - None.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

7.1. [18-105](#)

Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the meeting be closed in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1),(e), the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district.

CARRIED

The Committee moved to the closed session at 10:52 am.

The Committee rose from the closed session at 11:15 am without report.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the February 21, 2018 Regional Parks Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:15 am.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder